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[1](#)1. (U) DCM delivered reftel demarche August 13 to MFA Director for Bilateral Affairs Dhafer Al-Umran. Al-Umran was already well briefed on this year's BMENA schedule and was enthusiastic about the Forum planned for Marrakech November 2-3. Al-Umran confirmed he would attend the senior officials' meeting in Rome October 23, and said Bahrain would be represented at the three thematic workshops.

[1](#)2. (U) Al-Umran said FM Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmad Al Khalifah hoped to attend the Marrakech Forum, but would not make scheduling commitments until after his return August 16 from vacation.
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